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LACK OF PARTS SLOWS TRACTOR PRODUCTION; VOICE PLEA FOR TOOL CONSERVATION

FUEL PARTS PLANT STALLS TRACTOR OUTPUT -- Moskovskaya Pravda, No 47, 14 Apr 50

A month ago, the Council of Ministers USSR and Tak VKP(b), in their decision "concerning the preparation of kolkhozes, MTS, and sovkhozes for the spring sowing," noted the unsatisfactory work of the tractor industry in the production of Diesel tractors. This serious warning has a direct bearing on the work of the management and staff of the Noginsk Fuel Apparatus Plant.

Hundreds of powerful tractors are standing at the Khar'kov, Stalingrad, and Lipetsk Tractor Plants, ready for shipment to the MTS and sovkhozes but for lack of fuel equipment. The Noginsk plant, which supplies these fuel parts, is seriously behind in its deliveries. It failed to fulfill plans for the fourth quarter of 1949 and the first quarter of 1950. The situation regarding the output of pumps for Diesel tractors is equally bad. In the first 10 days of the current month alone, the plant failed to fill its orders to the extent of 630 units of equipment.

The pump assembly shop in the Noginsk plant is idle half the time because shops No 4 and No 6 are behind in the production of plungers, flanges, plugs, and fittings. These shops have all the facilities for efficient, regular operation, but their production suffers for lack of proper organization. Last-minute speed-up is the prevailing manner of operation throughout the plant.

At the moment, the plant is ridden with numerous managing personnel. Comrade Parfenov, chief of Glavavtotraktoroprom (Main Administration of Automobile and Tractor Industry), has established himself permanently on the premises. Representatives from the ministry also abound. Each day brings new decrees, new orders, new regulations. Nevertheless, the responsibility for bringing order out of this chaos rests with the plant's management.

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URGES MULTIPLE RENOVATION OF TOOLS -- Trud, No 93, 19 Apr 50

The Kharkov Tractor Plant imeni Ordzhonikidze is a large consumer of tools made of expensive alloyed steel. Reducing tool expenditure even one percent would save the plant hundreds of thousands of rubles. For this reason, the plant has worked out a system of multiple renovation.

After they are worn, tools are no longer relegated to utility waste, but are reconditioned to be used over and over again, as follows: by regrinding after tempering, annealing, reforging, but welding, or chrome plating. A typical example is the reconditioning of reamers. These are repeatedly renovated by the simple process of reducing them to the next smaller size. Tools of all types, including cutting, measuring, molding, abrasive, and sawing tools, are reconditioned in this manner. Their quality remains unimpaired.

The campaign for tool conservation through renovation which began a year ago, has assumed imposing proportions by this time. Prizes are awarded to workers and foremen who save metal by this method. During the past 7 months, the plant reconditioned 2,022,000 rubles' worth of cutting, measuring, and abrasive tools for its own uses, and 110,000 thousand rubles' worth for MTS and sovkhozes. During the same period, the plant saved more than 50 tons of tool steels. One third of the plant's tool requirements are covered by multiple renovation.

Experience in the Moscow Tractor Plant has shown that its methods may be applied in any machine-building enterprise without involving additional expense. So far scientific-research institutes have been concerned with tools merely to the extent of the first wearing. Scientists and engineers must now study their greatest possible limit of utilization.

It is desirable that the ministries and the State Planning Committee USSR promulgate this method in all their enterprises. In planning production on and allocating metal supplies, the multiple renovation of tools should be made mandatory. -- D. Kuznetsov, engineer, Kharkov Tractor Plant imeni Ordzhonikidze

NEW DEVICE SAVES KEROSENE FUEL -- Sovetskaya Litva, No 98, 25 Apr 50

Two brothers named Nazarov have devised an attachment for the STZ-NATI tractor, consisting of a small tube, by means of which kerosene fuel gases are led off into the air cleaner and thereby reclaimed. This device has been installed on more than half the tractors of the First Pravdinsk, Second Slavsk, Kaliningrad, Gur'yevsk, and Chernyakhovsk MTS. On individual tractors, it has saved up to 30 kilograms of kerosene per shift.

MTS GETS SPECIAL SMALL TRACTORS -- Zarya Vostoka, No 78, 15 Apr 50

The Bolnisi MTS has received three small garden and orchard tractors of a special design. They are two-wheel machines equipped with pneumatic tires and 3-horsepower gasoline motors. They will be used for vineyard operations.

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